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"THE SKATERS," by Gari Melchers, is included in the permanent collection of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts at Philadelphia. It was painted in Holland some years ago and possesses the frank virility which distinguishes all of Mr. Melchers's work. This painter has interpreted with peculiar sympathy and understanding the life of the Dutch seafaring peasants, picturing them as a sturdy, wholehearted people. His manner is individual; his style simple and unconventional, neither crude nor suave. Truth he presents at times almost with baldness, yet the element of beauty is by no means lost. The people he portrays are essentially human and sincere; the sentiment to which he gives expression is genuine and virile.

"THE SKATERS" GARI MELCHERS

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